

# **Planning Department Memo**

**To: Members of the Citizen's Advisory Committee, Technical Advisory Committee, and Policy Committee of the MPO**

**From: Tom Micuda, Planning Director**

**Date: October 12, 2003**

**Subj: Amendments to the *Bloomington/Monroe County Year 2025 Transportation Plan (Long Range Plan)* and the *Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)***

At the request of the Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT), the Planning Department is bringing forward amendments to both the Long Range Plan and TIP which reflect the State of Indiana's current decision-making regarding Interstate 69. Specifically, the amendment to the Long Range Plan recognizes the Governor's announcement that the State of Indiana has recommended Route 3c as a potential corridor for the interstate. Please see the attached amendment which reflects the State's recommendation.

The proposed TIP amendment has been requested by INDOT due to the possibility that that State of Indiana may begin Tier 2 environmental and engineering studies associated with Interstate 69 during the TIP's three-year time frame (2004-2006). The initiation of these Tier 2 studies could begin during the first quarter of 2004 and is contingent upon a favorable Record of Decision (ROD) from the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA). Please see the attached amendment that reflects INDOT's request.

# Amendment to Long Range Plan

This amendment is updating the Executive Summary and the Long Range Plan. Specifically, it adds new text to the last paragraph contained on Page ES-1 of the Long Range Plan. This is the first page of the Plan's Executive Summary.

## Existing Text – Last Paragraph

“The Bloomington Area Year 2025 Transportation Plan is to be reviewed and updated at least every 5 years, but may be amended more frequently if needed.”

## Revised Text (new text is in bold)

“The Bloomington Area Year 2025 Transportation Plan is to be reviewed and updated at least every 5 years, but may be amended more frequently if needed. **At this time (October, 2003), the Plan recognizes that the State of Indiana has made a decision concerning the preferred route of Interstate 69 along a corridor known as “Route 3c”. This proposed corridor would pass through the MPO’s Urbanized Area as well as the larger region studied by this Plan. Therefore, the Plan is hereby being amended to include this project in its listing of Highway Capital Improvement Projects for the State of Indiana in Monroe County. This amendment further directs the Bloomington MPO to work closely with the Indiana Department of Transportation to study local transportation impacts associated with more limited access along this corridor. These impacts include future locations of interchanges, frontage roads, overpasses, and bicycle/pedestrian crossing points.**

**This amendment supercedes the language found on Page D-35 and any other similar language in the Long Range Plan as it relates to this project.**

## **Amendment to TIP**

This amendment adds the following project to the MPO's Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for Fiscal Years 2004-2006 (please refer to attached table for additional information).

### **“Tier 2 environmental and engineering assessment studies for the I-69 Impact Study”**

#### **Explanation:**

The Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT) has divided the preferred alignment for the I-69 corridor (Route 3c) into six segments to be carried forward into the Tier 2 environmental and engineering study phase. Portions of two of these segments fall within the Bloomington/Monroe County MPO boundary. These segments are:

- 1) Designation number 0300380 from US 231 cross county to State Road 37 south of Bloomington and,
- 2) Designation number 0300381 from south of Bloomington via the State Road 37 corridor to State Road 39.

The start date for the Tier 2 environmental and engineering studies for both segments is scheduled to begin in the first quarter of 2004. The cost associated with the Tier 2 environmental and engineering studies will be \$5,000,000 per segment.

Amendment to the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

Project Information			Funding Source	2004	2005	2006
Agency	INDOT	PE	FHWA	\$4,000,000		
Location	US 231 cross county to State Road 37 south of Bloomington (study covers only urbanized area)		State	\$1,000,000		
Project	Tier 2 environmental and engineering assessment studies for the I-69 Impact Study	ROW				
DES#	0300380	CON				
Support	Expansion/Major improvements					
Allied Projects	n/a		TOTALS	\$5,000,000	\$0	\$0

Agency	INDOT	PE	FHWA	\$4,000,000		
Location	South of Bloomington via State Road 37 to State Road 39 (study covers only urbanized area)		State	\$1,000,000		
Project	Tier 2 environmental and engineering assessment studies for the I-69 Impact Study	ROW				
DES#	0300381	CON				
Support	Expansion/Major improvements					
Allied Projects	n/a		TOTALS	\$5,000,000	\$0	\$0